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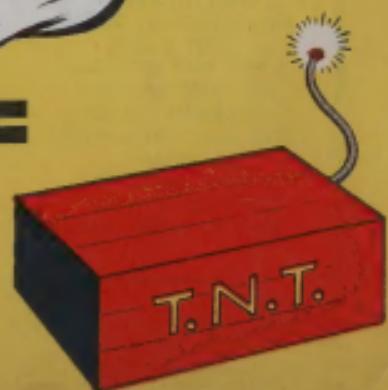
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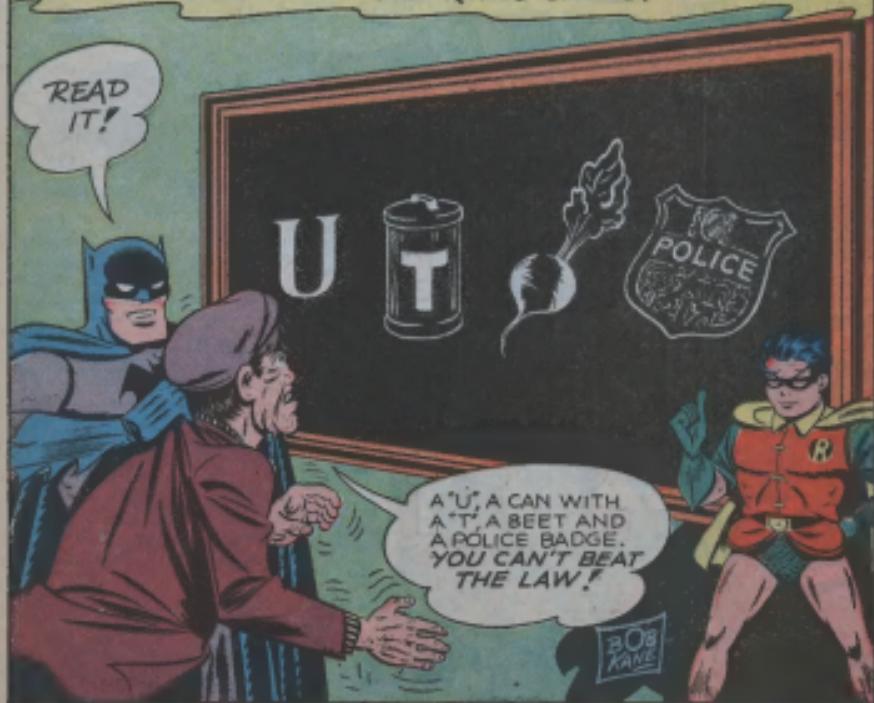




# BATMAN

WITH  
**ROBIN**  
 -THE BOY WONDER-

IN ANCIENT TIMES, MEN WROTE WITH PICTURES INSTEAD OF LETTERS, AND PICTURE-WRITING IS STILL USED IN REBUS-RIDDLES. BUT WHEN THAT MASTER OF MALICIOUS MISCHIEF, THE JOKER, WRITES REBUS-RIDDLES IT'S NOT FOR INNOCENT FUN, BUT FOR A SINISTER PURPOSE! AND BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE TO READ THE ARCH PRANKSTER'S RIDDLES IN TIME TO SAVE GOTHAM CITY FROM THE DISASTROUS RESULTS OF-\*THE REBUS CRIMES!\*



THAT CLOWN-PRINCE OF CRIME, THE JOKER,  
IS ALWAYS INTRIGUED BY THE UNUSUAL!



AS THE PROPRIETOR PROUDLY  
EXPLAINS...





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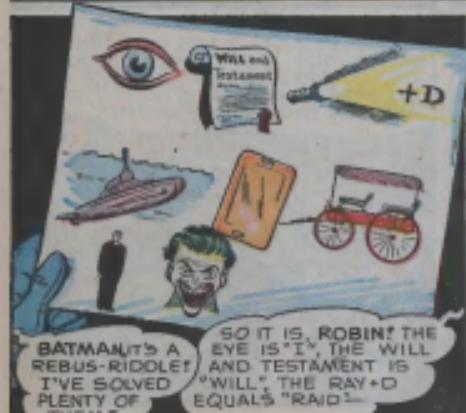


A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME AND THEN, FROM THE SECRET BAT-CAVE HANGER BENEATH THE WAYNE MANSION, THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE IS HAULED UP.



SOON, IN GORDON'S OFFICE...

THIS LETTER MAY BE A HOAX, BUT IT'S SIGNED BY A JOKER PICTURES! I WONDER IF THAT MAD CLOWN IS SEE IT BEHIND IT? LET ME COMMISSIONER



SO IT IS, ROBIN! THE EYE IS "I", THE WILL AND TESTAMENT IS "WILL", THE RAY + D EQUALS "RAID".

SURELY, IF HE PLANNED SUCH A RAID, HE WOULDN'T SEND US THIS REBUS WARNING!

THE JOKER ALWAYS HAS A SHREWD PLAN BEHIND HIS MAD JESTS! WE'D BETTER BE READY FOR HIM!



THAT'S A SUBMARINE - HE'S IN A "SUB" AND THE MOURNING, TRAY AND THE SURREY ROBIN! THE MESSAGE READS, "I WILL IN BLACK?" RAID SUB-TREASURY IN MORNING. THE JOKER!"



NEXT MORNING, AT THE SUB-TREASURY...

WE'VE POLICED ALL AROUND THE BUILDING, AND ALL GATES ARE LOCKED, MR. CRAYLEY.

I WISH I WASN'T DIRECTOR. I CAN'T STAND ALL THIS EXCITEMENT!

TELEPHONE CALL FOR YOU, MR. CRAYLEY?









## BAFFLED BY THE ARCH-PRANKSTER'S CUNNING GETAWAY TRICK...

THE JOKER ESCAPED US - BUT HE GOT ONLY A LITTLE LOOT FROM THE SUB-TREASURY!

HE'LL SOON BE AT IT AGAIN, UNLESS WE CAN TRAIL HIM DOWN! LET'S GO BACK THERE!



## ON THE ROOF OF THE SUB-TREASURY...

HE CUT HIGH-POWERED CURRENT INTO THIS PHONE-WIRE, SOMEWHERE. WE'LL FIND THE PLACE WHERE HE DID THAT!



THE DUO MOVES AMID A MAZE OF DEATH-CHARGED WIRES AS THEY GRIMLY TRACE A STRANGE TRAIL.

CAREFUL, ROBIN! ONLY THE INSULATED CABLES ARE SAFE TO STEP ON AND TOUGH!

WE'RE SURE FOLLOWING A "HOT" ENOUGH CLUE?



SEE, THE INSULATION IS SCRAPED OFF THE PHONE WIRE! THIS IS WHERE THEY DID IT. ALL RIGHTS SOMEONE DOWN IN THIS BUILDING MUST HAVE SEEN THEM! WE'LL INQUIRE!



SURE, I SAW SOME FELLOWS HURRYING OUT OF HERE THIS MORNING! THEIR LEADER WAS A QUEER GRINNING GUY.

THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY LIVE, OR ANYTHING ABOUT THEM?



ONLY THAT THEY MUST BE SIGN-WORKERS! THE GRINNING GUY WAS SAYING 'SOON AS WE FINISH THIS JOB, WE'LL FIX THAT LUCKY GUM SIGN.'

HE MUST HAVE MEANT THAT HUGE LUCKY GUM PICTURE SIGN DOWNTOWN! COME ON, ROBIN!



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AT THE GREAT SIGN WHICH EACH NIGHT FLASHES ITS ANIMATED ADVERTISING PICTURES...



THIS TAPE HAS PERFORATED PICTURE-PATTERNS THAT TURN ON THE SIGN'S LIGHTS SO AS TO FORM THE ADVERTISING PICTURES.

WE'LL LOOK IT OVER IF YOU DON'T MIND.

THAT NIGHT, THE LUCKY GUM SIGN FLASHES A STRANGE, NEW PICTURE!

LOOK, THE GUM SIGN HAS GONE CRAZY!

NO, IT'S A REBUS-RIDDLE! "WILL-STEEL-MILL-MAN-SAFE-FIRES-TON-EYE-PLUS-T-JOKER!"



THAT MEANS, "WILL STEAL MILLMAN SAPPHIRES TONIGHT, JOKER?"

MILLIONAIRE MILLMAN'S SAPPHIRE COLLECTION IS FAMOUS! AND THAT'S HIS MANSION RIGHT THERE!

WHILE IN THE MILLIONAIRE'S MANSION—

YES, I READ THE REBUS SIGN, BUT IT'S AN EMPTY THREAT; THE JOKER CAN'T GET INTO MY STRONG ROOM FOR THE SAPPHIRES!

BUT MR. MILLMAN, THE THREAT HAS BROUGHT A BIG CROWD INTO THE STREET!





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AS THE CURIOUS CROWD AND REPORTERS BESIEGE THE HOUSE, A FAKE "PHOTOGRAPHER" GOES INTO ACTION ...



MOMENTS LATER, AS SMOKE SUDDENLY BILLOWS UP THROUGH THE MANSION ...



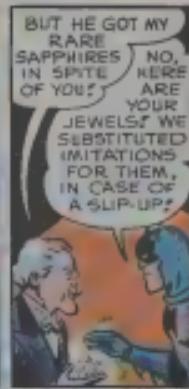
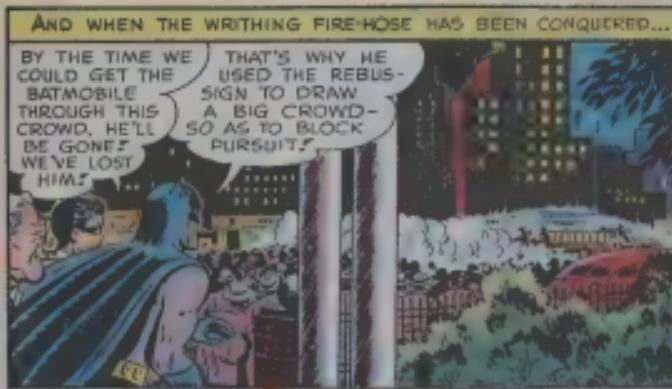
AS THE PANICKY COLLECTOR UNLOCKS HIS STRONGROOM ...



SURE, WE STOLE A FIRE-TRUCK AND USED THE SMOKE TO TRICK YOU INTO OPENING THIS ROOM! HUH - BATMAN?



DETECTIVE COMICS



THAT NIGHT...

I'VE A HUNCH THE JOKER IS PREPARING ANOTHER REBUS-MESSAGE! THE ZOO JUST REPORTED HE HAS STOLEN A **BULL** AND A **LION** AMONG OTHER ANIMALS!

**BULL?**  
**LION?**  
SAY, THAT COULD MEAN **BULLION**!

**RIGHTS!**  
AND A BIG BULLION SHIPMENT IS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE BY OVERSEAS FREIGHT-PLANE TOMORROW! ON EXACTLY WHICH PLANE IS **SECRET?**



THE BANDITS TOOK SEVERAL WAGON-CAGES AND SOME OF OUR BEST SPECIMENS - A LION, A BULL, TWO GIRAFFES, A BAT, A DEER, AND ALSO ONE OF OUR KEEPERS!

I THINK YOU'LL HAVE THEM ALL BACK SOON.

MINUTES LATER...

WHAT A LIST! YET THERE'S I CAN'T FIGURE IN IT THAT TELLS ANYTHING WHAT THE JOKER OUT OF IT! IS AFTER NOW!



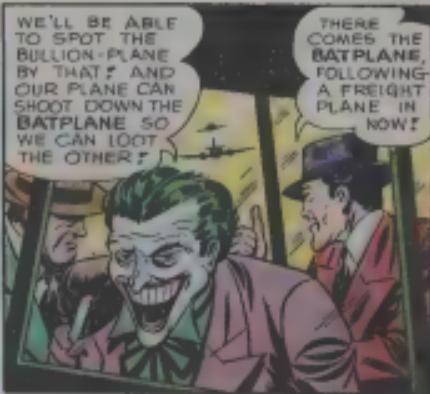
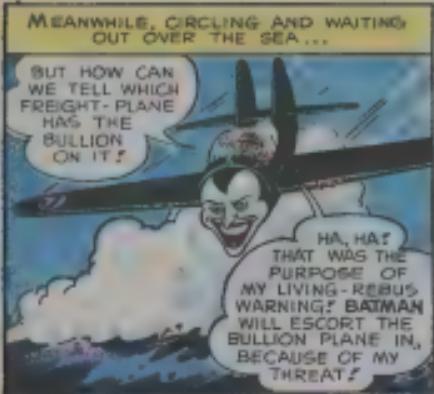
NEXT MORNING, AN ASTOUNDING **LIVING** REBUS STARTLES THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY!



IT'S ANOTHER OF THE JOKER'S REBUS-THREATS! CAN YOU READ IT?

\*DEAR BAT-MAN: BULL+LION NECKS+T. JOKER!\* IT MEANS: \*DEAR BAT-MAN: BULLION NEXT, THE JOKER!\*

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WITH UNEXPECTED SUDDENNESS, A SCREAMING ATTACK OCCURS HIGH ABOVE?



RIDDLED BY A STORM OF LEAD, THE BAT-WINGED ESCORT PLANE CRASHES TO A WATERY DOOM



SWIFTLY OVERTAKING THE SLOWER FREIGHT-PLANE ...

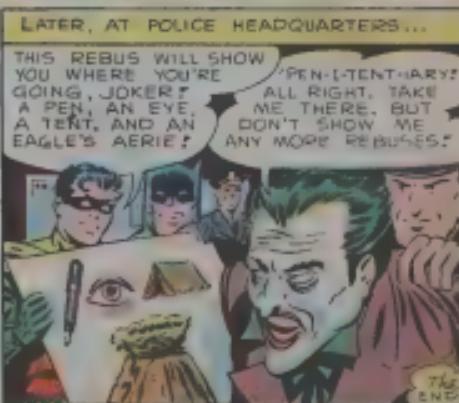


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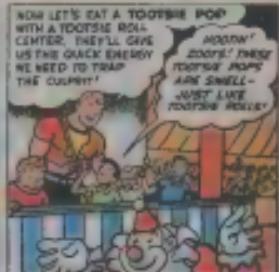
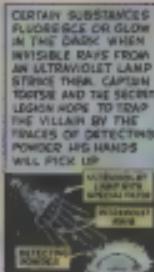
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BUT WHEN IT LEADS THE WAY TO LOOT...  
IT'S TIME FOR  
**AIR WAVE**  
TO PUT A SPOKE IN  
SOMEBODY'S WHEEL,  
AND THERE'S NO SOFT  
PEDALING DANGER.  
WHEN THE CRIMINAL  
FACES PRISON BARS  
INSTEAD OF HANDLE  
BARS... AND THE  
WIZARD OF WIRELESS TRIES TO BREAK UP THE...

## CYCLE OF CRIMES!

A FRIEND IN NEED THAT'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY LARRY JORDAN.



ALMOST AS BAD,  
MR. JORDAN! I GOT A BIG PAPER ROUTE... AND A CHANCE TO MAKE IT BIGGER...





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AND SO, AT BURTON'S BIKE STORE...

WALLY SMITH WILL PAY YOU OUT OF WHAT HE MAKES SELLING PAPERS...  
...YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY!

WELL, IT'S AGAINST OUR POLICY...

OH, OH... JORDAN'S TIPPING ME OFF THAT HE WILL STAND GOOD FOR THE MONEY HIMSELF...

...BUT WALLY HAS AN HONEST FACE... I'LL TRUST HIM!



HA, HA... JUST A JOKE OF MINE! THESE ARE PART OF OUR EXHIBIT! BUT THERE'S A BIKE SHORTAGE AROUND HERE... BET WE COULD SELL THEM IF WE CARED TO!



THUS WALLY GETS HIS TREASURED BIKE! BUT SOME TIME LATER...

MR. JORDAN... THERE HAVE BEEN A DOZEN DAY-TIME ROBBERIES... AND I'VE GOT A CLUE!

ALL THOSE ROBBERIES WERE IN HOUSES THAT GET PAPERS FROM ONE KID... WALLY SMITH! HE WAS EVEN SEEN COMING FROM ONE AFTER IT WAS ROBBED!

WALLY SMITH? IMPOSSIBLE!





## DETECTIVE COMICS



BUT THE EVIDENCE  
DOES SEEM TO BE  
AGAINST HIM... IT'S  
TIME AIR WAVE  
TOOK A HAND.



A SWIFT  
CHANGE OF  
COSTUME  
\*\*\*  
AND THE  
D. A.  
BECOMES  
THE  
AMAZING  
WIZARD OF  
WIRELESS!  
!

KEEP YOUR EYES  
PEELED, STATIC... WE'RE  
RIDING FAST TODAY!

A STITCH IN  
TIME GATHERS  
NO MOSS!



THIS IS WALLY'S PAPER  
ROUTE... AND THERE HE  
IS NOW!



HE'S SNEAKING  
INTO THE HOUSE...  
IT CAN'T BE!



HE MUST HAVE A GOOD  
EXCUSE... I'LL SPEAK  
TO HIM... MAKE  
HIM RETURN THE  
MONEY...



EARS BRADY! I  
THOUGHT YOU WERE  
WALLY SMITH. YOU'RE  
MADE UP TO LOOK  
LIKE HIM.

YOU THOUGHT  
YOURSELF INTO  
TROUBLE, AIR  
WAVE!





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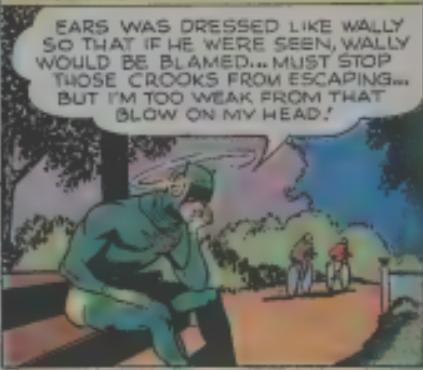
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BUT AS THE MAGICIAN OF RADIO PLUNGES DOWNWARD, HE SWITCHES ON HIS MAGNETIC SHOES...



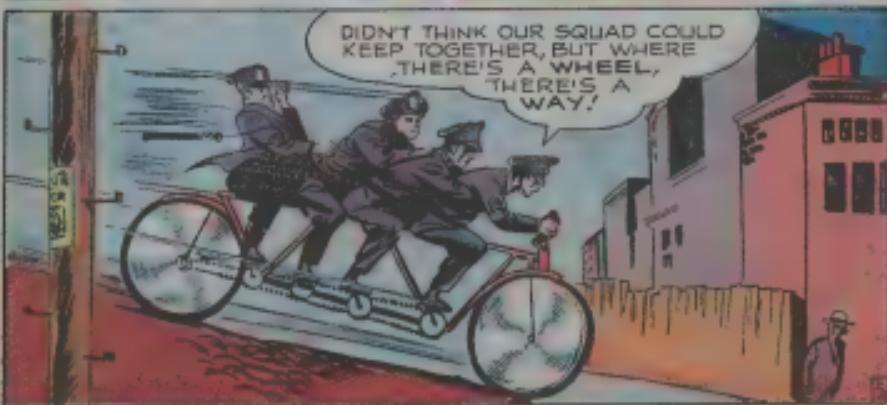
AND AS A DAZED AND WEAKENED AIR WAVE RESTS BRIEFLY...



SUDDENLY, ON ALL METAL POLICE BADGES...



DIDN'T THINK OUR SQUAD COULD KEEP TOGETHER, BUT WHERE THERE'S A WHEEL, THERE'S A WAY!



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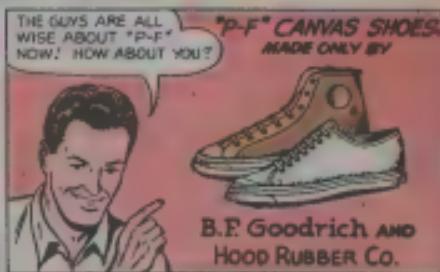
1. THIS RIGID WEDGE KEEPS THE BONES OF THE FOOT IN THEIR NATURAL, NORMAL POSITION.



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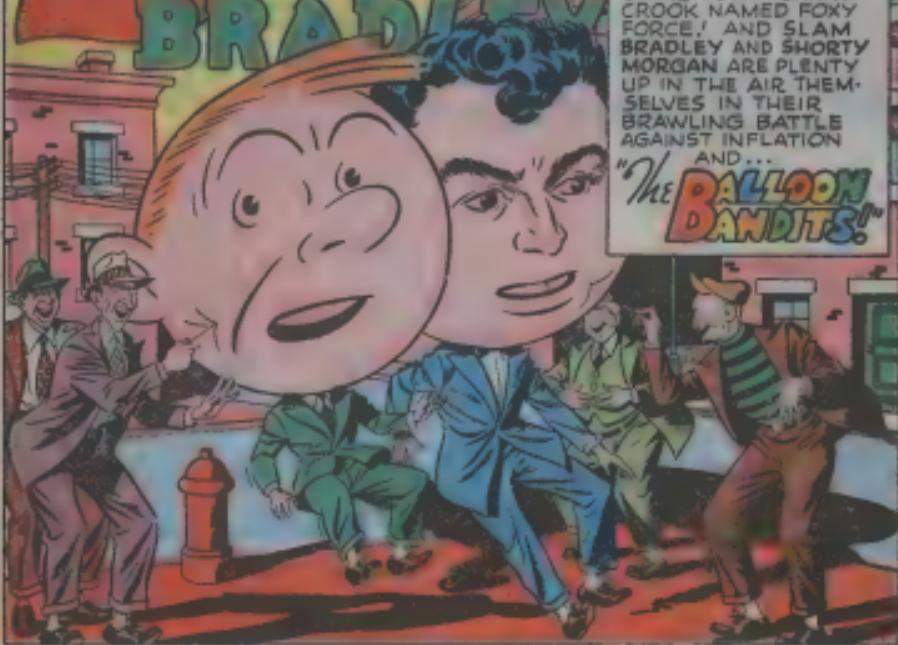




# SLAM BRADLEY

THEY FLY THROUGH THE AIR WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE... AND THEY'RE JUST LOADED WITH TROUBLE! YES, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE BOUNCING GAS-BAGS KNOWN AS BALLOON TOYS TO YOU, BUT SHREWD AIDS TO CRIME FOR A CANNY CROOK NAMED FOXY FORCE! AND SLAM BRADLEY AND SHORTY MORGAN ARE PLENTY UP IN THE AIR THEMSELVES IN THEIR BRAWLING BATTLE AGAINST INFLATION AND...

"**The BALLOON BANDITS!**"



THESE ARE LEAN DAYS FOR CRIME... AND FOXY FORCE KNOWS IT.

ARCHIE, I'VE BEEN BEATIN' MY BRAINS OUT TRYIN' TO THINK OF A GOOD RACKET, BUT IT'S NO USE!

ME, TOO, BOSS, BUT I AINT GOT AN IDEA!



HEY, LOOK OUT WIT' DAT BALLOON





FOXY TRIES TO DETOUR, STUMBLERS, AND...

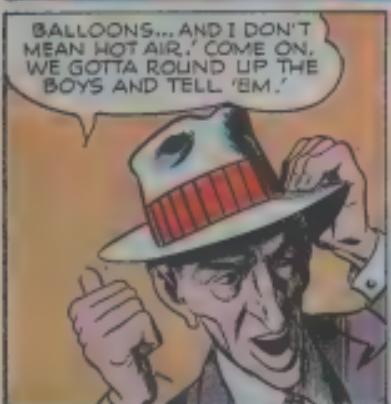


THAT KID... BALLOON... CRIME... ARCHIE, I GOT AN IDEA AT LAST!

GOSH, YOU SOUND AS IF YOU REALLY BEAT YOUR BRAINS OUT THAT TIME.



BALLOONS... AND I DON'T MEAN HOT AIR. COME ON, WE GOTTA ROUND UP THE BOYS AND TELL 'EM.



AND SO, AS DYNAMIC SLAM BRADLEY AND DIMINUTIVE SHORTY, ACE DETECTIVE DUO, TAKE THE AIR...

GEE, SLAM, WISH I COULD DETECT SOME MONEY IN MY POCKETS, AND ARREST A MEAL!

ME, TOO, MIDGET! CRIME CERTAINLY DOESN'T PAY US THESE DAYS!



SUDDENLY...

HELP! CROOKS! ROBBERS! THIEVES!

JACOB FINE JEWELRY

THIS WAY, SHORTPANTS! THERE MAY BE A REWARD... AND FOOD!



THEY WENT THAT WAY... OUT THE REAR DOOR!

LET ME AT THEM... I'LL EAT THOSE THUGGS ALIVE!



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## SOMEPLACE IS...A BALLOON FACTORY!

YES, WE DID GET A NEW CUSTOMER RECENTLY... HE BOUGHT ALL SORTS OF BALLOONS! HE EVEN WANTED THE NAME OF THE CRANE CLUB PRINTED ON SOME OF THEM!

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD PLACE FOR A JOB. I THINK WE'LL TAKE A FEW BALLOONS OURSELVES, MISTER... ON CREDIT...



## SHORTLY...

HOLD IT DOWN SHORTY... IT HAS A LOT OF LIFTING POWER!

NOT ENOUGH TO PULL ME OFF THE GROUND, SLAM... WE'LL NEED MORE!



## BUT GAS IS CHEAP, AND SOON...

GOSH IT TAKES THREE OF THESE TO HOLD ME UP!

NOW WE'LL JUST FLOAT OVER TO THE CRANE CLUB.



## MEANWHILE IN THE SWANK NIGHT CLUB...

LOOK, EGBERT, BALLOONS! HOW FESTIVE!



THE CANDLES ARE EXPLODING THEM... I SAY, I FEEL AWFULLY AMUSED...

MUST BE THE FLOOR SHOW... HA, HA... IT'S FRIGHTFULLY ENJOYABLE...



## SECONDS LATER...

SAY, FOXY, THEY LIKE US TO PICK THEIR POCKETS!

YEAH, THOSE BALLOONS FULL OF LAUGHING GAS SURE MAKE BOTH THEM AND US HAPPY.



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"THAT'S MY BOY!"

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# SECRET CODES CAN BE FUN

By HENRY LYISING

*Author of "Secret Writing: How to Code and Decode,"  
"The Cryptogram Book," etc.*

SECRET codes and ciphers are as old as the hills. Older than even the alphabet itself, for many of the prehistoric picture-writings explorers have found in cave dwellings have proved to be coded messages.

Codes are very important in world history. They have been responsible for the winning or losing of empires, with wars invariably being won by the side that had the best cipher experts. Julius Caesar, mighty conqueror that he was, invented a code that you can use yourself.

Art, literature, and science have all benefited by the use of codes. Businessmen throughout the world use secret ciphers in their daily work. Most diplomatic messages are sent in code. And sweethearts, from time immemorial, have hidden their romantic messages in disguises that were codes.

Cipher writing is so simple and so easy to learn that we should all be familiar with the methods used for building them. We should have a number of codes handy to use with friends for pleasure or in case of emergency.

## The Numbers Code

As example of how a good code can be useful among friends, take the case of Harry Gibson and his classmate, Billy Hendricks. These boys had a chance to buy a bicycle at a very reasonable price, but the store owner said

that he could not hold the bicycle any longer than right after school. It meant just about all the money the lads could get together, and because of this they were still undecided at noontime. Billy wanted to buy it, but Harry hesitated.

In the middle of afternoon classes, just when Harry decided in favor of buying the bicycle, the teacher became annoyed by some disturbance in the back of the room—and announced that the last six rows would have to stay after school! That meant that Harry couldn't tell Billy, who sat in the front of the room, to go to the store and close the deal. Harry did not dare send a note to his friend; and, of course, he couldn't whisper his decision to him, either.

He had almost given up hope when the teacher ordered the last six rows to the blackboard and instructed them to write examples of addition as part of their punishment.

Harry eagerly went to the board and wrote five columns of figures, knowing that when Billy saw the secret code they contained he would rush right out after class and buy the bicycle. Here is what Harry wrote:

	348	20	1,432	2
2	31	8	847	9
21	500	1	.2,001	11
25	113	20	43	5
48	992	49	4,323	27

Can you read the hidden message in those figures? It's really very simple—if you know the Numbers Code, which is a substitution of a number for each letter of the alphabet, beginning with 1 for "A," up to 26 for "Z." The alternate columns of figures, using only two figures, gave Billy the tip-off. He correctly read 2, 21, 25 to be *BUY*; then he skipped a column to 20, 8, 1, 20, which is *THAT*; and the last column, 2, 9, 11, 5, is translated to mean *BIKE*. So Billy bought it, and was waiting outside the school for Harry when his section of the class was finally dismissed.

That code is easy, isn't it? Just take a look at what we have to work with:

First we take a strip of paper, or cardboard, and type or write on it the entire alphabet, like this—

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q  
R S T U V W X Y Z

Or just cut out the above line and paste it on heavy board for convenience. This line, labeled No. 1, is our "straight" alphabet. Succeeding ones will be the "coded" alphabets.

Now make a second line, just like the first. Then make a third, this time with the alphabet reversed.

To complete the job we make two more strips, one using the numbers 1 to 26, and the other having them in reverse, from 26 to 1. They will be used in the same way as our alphabet strips.

To illustrate the Numbers Code used by Billy and Harry, take your "straight" alphabet and put it on a flat surface. Then take your numbers, from 1 to 26, and put that strip immediately below the letters. There you have your

code at a glance, each letter directly above its proper number.

The code can be used in reverse with the 26 to 1 strip. You can make other variations by moving the number strip to the left, so that the letters have higher numbers—that is, instead of 1, "A" could be 3, 5, or any other number, with "Z" correspondingly higher; in this case, all you have to do is add the necessary numbers to the end of your strip.

### Alphabet Codes

Using the alphabet slides, we work exactly the same way as Julius Caesar did when he created the famous cipher that bears his name.

Take your "straight" alphabet and put the second strip, with the alphabet in regular order, immediately under it. Now move the bottom strip to the left by three letters, so that you have "D" under "A," and so on. That's all Julius Caesar did—advanced each letter to encode it!

You can make any number of code variations by moving the slides back and forth. Further complications can be figured by encoding only every other letter and leaving the others in their original form. The only thing to limit you is your own imagination.

(In the next issue of Detective Comics we will explain the secrets of other codes and ciphers you can use yourself. Among these will be the Tic-Tac-Toe Code, the Rail Fence Cipher, and an American code that baffled not only the Germans but also our own forces. And we'll also tell how you can make invisible inks right in your own kitchen. Don't miss this bang-up feature!)

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RUSTLERS! AND THE POSSE'S NOT FAR BEHIND!



AND AS ROYAL WATCHES THE CHASE THROUGH HIS GLASSES, HE SEES...

GOOD! THE POSSE CAN'T FIGURE WHICH WAY WE WENT!

WELL, KEEP RIDIN'... WE AINT SAFE TILL WE GET THROUGH THE GORGE UP AHEAD...



FELLA'S, YOU TWO BIKE DOWN AND TELL THE POSSE TO HEAD FOR THE GORGE... I'LL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE THERE WAITING FOR THEM!



NOW IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE TOP OF THAT GORGE BEFORE THOSE CATTLE-THEIVES GET TO THE BOTTOM!



I MADE IT! THESE ROCKS WILL FORCE THEM TO TURN BACK... RIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF THE POSSE!



BOYS, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE PUT AN END TO THIS RUSTLIN' RACKET... THAT WAS MIGHTY FAST WORK ON YOUR PART!

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MOM TO GET ME KELLOGG'S  
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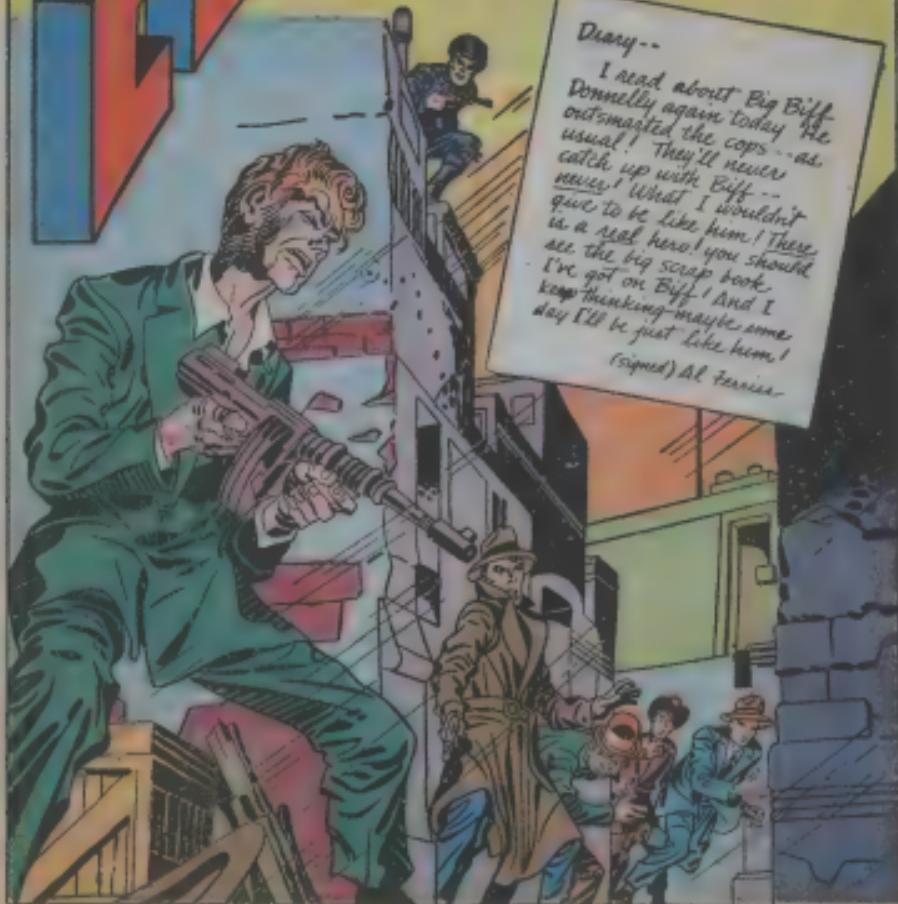
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# The BIG COMMANDOS

“THE RISE AND FALL  
OF A GANGSTER!”



Diary--

I read about Big Biff Donnelly again today. He outsmarted the cops...as usual! They'll never catch up with Biff -- never! What I wouldn't give to be like him! There is a real hero you should see the big scrap book. I've got on Biff! And I keep thinking -- maybe some day I'll be just like him!

(Signed) Al Ferriss

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FEW WILL FORGET THE TERRIBLE MONTHS WHEN BIG BIFF DONNELLY RULED AS ABSOLUTE TYRANT OVER ALL OF GANGLAND--



SUSPECTING BIG BIFF WAS ONE THING--CATCHING HIM RED-HANDED WAS ANOTHER. THUS HE WAS ALWAYS ONE JUMP IN FRONT OF THE LAW--

YOU SAID MY BOYS CRACKED OKAY, CASEY! THAT WAREHOUSE! I SAY, WHAT BOYS? I BEEN IN MUDAN! I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' HAW HAW!



THEN ONE NIGHT WITH A HOOD CALLED BLINKY EVER, BIG BIFF CALLED ON A RIVAL GANG CHIEF, ACE BANTON--

HONEST, BIFF! I AINT BEEN RUNNING STUFF ON YOUR SIDE OF THE RIVER! I'M KEEPIN' OUR AGREEMENT!

YEAH, ACE? WELL, I HEARD DIFFERENT!



I GET TIRED O' WARNIN' GUYS, ACE!



WHILE, ON THE STREETS BELOW, A SQUAD OF POLICE CARS, SIRENS SCREAMING APPROACHED THE BUILDING WHERE BIFF DONNELLY HAD JUST COMMITTED HIS LATEST CRIME--



LISTEN 'SHOTS!-- COME ON, BOYS! THIS IS THE PLACE!

WE MAY BE TOO LATE EVEN NOW!

BLINKY! SOMEONE RATTED! THAT'S RIP CARTER AND ALL THE COPS IN TOWN DOWN THERE!



I TIPPED 'EM OFF, BIFF!

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BUT EVEN AS THE POLICE CLUSTERED AROUND THE BUILDINGS CUTTING OFF ESCAPE --

BIFF! THIS WAY I CAN SAVE YA!

UH-- SURE! THANKS, PAL!

THE COMMANDOS'LL BE HERE SOON -- SO WILL THE COPS! BUT THEY WON'T LOOK IN HERE QUICK!

YOU'RE AN OKAY KID!



PRESENTLY---

GOSH, NO! THERE'S NOBODY BUT ME IN HERE -- Y'KIN LOOK IF Y WANT -- I DON'T WANT NO GUNMAN AROUND!

NOBODY HERE! HE'S ON THE LEVEL, I GUESS!



SURE, KID! DO BIFF A FAVOR -- BIFF TAKES CARE OF YOU! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

AL FERRISS I BEEN FOLLOWIN' YOUR CAREER EVER SINCE YA KNOCKED OFF THE VERNAY MOB! BOY!



--AN' THE TIME YA BEAT THE BANK JOB RAP! YA SURE OUTSMARTED THEM COMMANDOS, EH? AN' THE SHOOTING ON THE WEST SIDE, AN'...

YEAH -- SURE! UMHUH. DON'T WORRY! I WON'T FORGET THIS FAVOR, KID -- ZZZZ ...





SO BIG BIFF BEAT THE TWIN-MURDER RAP AND CONTINUED A FREE MAN! BUT ONLY TWO WEEKS LATER, A STUNNING HEADLINE SHOCKED THE CITY...



AFTER ALL DA CRIMES DAT APE PULLED, DEY HAF'TA GET 'IM ON A TAX CHARGE!

IT JUST SHOWS THAT EVEN THE "SMARTEST" CROOK IS ALWAYS CAUGHT! BIG BIFF IS THROUGH!



NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, BIFF HAD A VISITOR....

THEY GOTCHA, BIFF! THE DIRTY COPS! CHEER UP, KID! I JUST MADE A MISTAKE--THAT'S ALL! LISTEN, I WANNA DO THAT FAVOR I PROMISED YA!



PSSST, AL! I TRUST YA, SEE! I WANT YA TO TAKE OVER UNTIL I GET OUT! SURE... BE THE BOSS! MY MOUTHPIECELL ARRANGE EVERYTHING FOR YA!

OKAY?

YA MEAN IT, BIFF?



SURE, KID! I MEAN IT! BUT DON'T LET 'EM GETCHA ON THAT DUMB TAX RAP!

ME? HA, HA! JUST LET 'EM TRY IT! I'LL SHOW 'EM!



AT FIRST, YOUTHFUL AL HAD HIS TROUBLES WITH THE GANG--BUT THESE WERE QUICKLY "IRONED" OUT--

FOR THE LAST TIME --I'M RUNNIN' THIS OUTFIT! WANNA ARGUE?

NO, AL--NO! WE JUST THOUGHT--

MAYBE WE BETTER LET AL DO THE THINKIN'--



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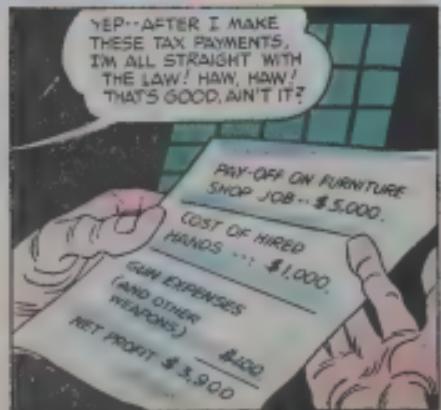


YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, AL!

SO THE GANG BECAME THE FERRISS MOB -- LED BY A WILD, YOUNG KILLER, EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN BIG BIFF!

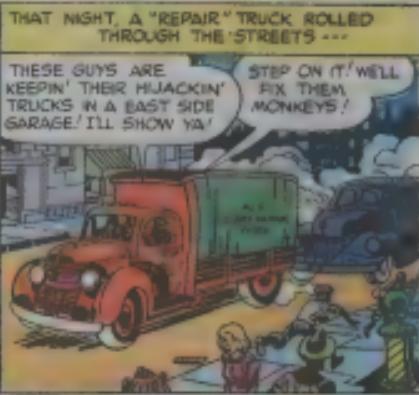


AND THERE WAS ONE ITEM HE NEVER FORGOT-- THE INCOME TAX!





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MEANWHILE, THE "REPAIR" TRUCK ROLLED INTO AN EAST SIDE GARAGE. AND THEN ---

HEY! WHAT IS THIS? --

CLAM UP, STUPID! CALL THE REST OF YOUR BOYS--AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!



LOOK, FERRISS! MEBBE WE DID WORK IN YOUR REGION! WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN! GIVE US A BREAK!

WE WILL! TURN AROUND AN' TAKE IT!



JOE! THAT SOUNDED LIKE SHOTS IN THAT GARAGE!

JUST ECHOES FROM THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT THE PARK - LET'S HURRY BEFORE WE MISS THE WHOLE SHOW!



BIFF ALWAYS SAID... "GET THE GUYS THAT MOVE IN!" HA, HA! SO I GOT 'EM!



LATER THAT SAME NIGHT---

IT'S SURE MESSY, RIP! WHO DO YA TINK KILLED DEM GUYS?

THEY THINK FERRISS ENGINEERED IT--BUT THEY DON'T KNOW FOR SURE! HMM--THE TIRE PRINT IN THIS GREASE IS INTERESTING!



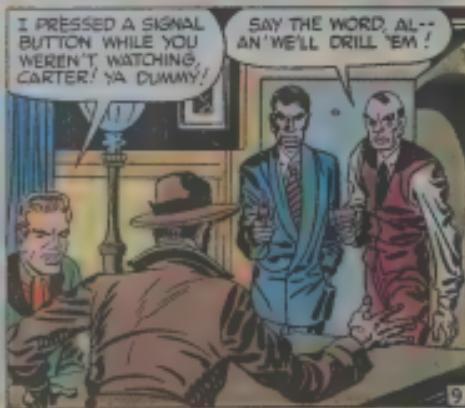
THIS BARREL WAS STRUCK BY ONE OF THE BULLETS! IT GREASE RAN OUT ON THE FLOOR AND THEN A VEHICLE CROSSED OVER IT!

IT LOOKS LIKE A TRUCK TIRE PRINT, RIP! IT MUSTA LEFT RIGHT AFTER THE SHOOTIN'!



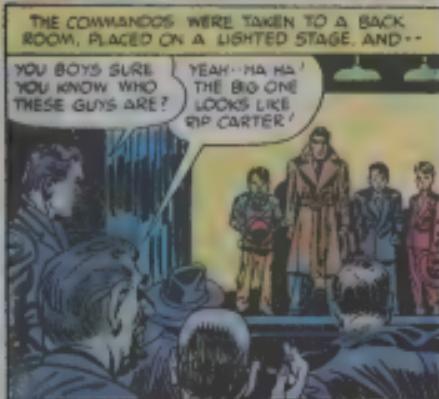


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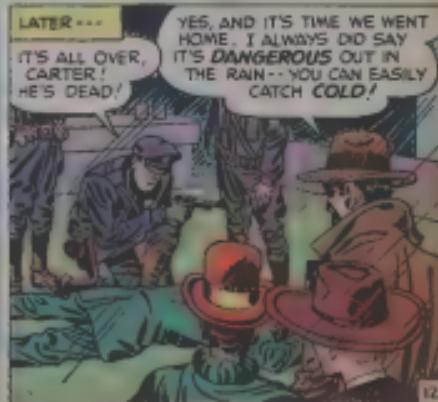
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**ANSWER:**

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